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Subject: Parachute Ass'ys, S/N lh & S/N 15, Demage

During regular thirty day parachute inspection (11/13 & 11/19/63) back packs S/N 1k & 15 were found to have damaged main canopy risers. Pack S/N 15, one damaged riser; pack S/N 1k, two damaged risers.

The damage to the three nylon risers was caused by a sharp object, and from class inspection they appeared to be knife type cuts. The mylom threads were cut an a straight sharp line.

The location of the damage on the risers, in all cases, was at the tacking, above the shoulder, approximately seven to ten inches from the Rocket Let release.

The damage (cuts) were, in all cases, adjacent is, (in contact with), the tacking threads on the risers.

It has been suggested that this damage was done by AF personnel (personal equipment group), during ground handling or storage. The type of damage and the handling procedures practiced definitely indicates this damage was not caused by the above group.

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